

Germans Surprise Allies In Greatest Naval Battle

Loss of Life Very Heavy—London Admits Loss of Six Cruisers, Eight Destroyers—Horrors of Modern Ocean Warfare—Germans Admit Loss of One Cruiser and one Dreadnaught—Details Meagre.

In what the present advices would indicate to have been the greatest naval battle of history, heavy losses have been inflicted by the Germans upon the high sea fleet of the British navy.

The engagement took place in the North Sea Wednesday afternoon and night. The British admit the losses of three battle cruisers, three cruisers and eight destroyers. The Germans admit the loss of one small cruiser and one pre-dreadnaught, while another cruiser and a number of torpedo boats are missing.

As yet details are meagre as to the conditions under which the fleets met, but it appears that the battle was not fought out to a point to determine the mastery of the seas, for the losses, serious as they are reported to have been, will not vitally impair the strength of either fleet.

It is probable that the German fleet was on one of the excursions into the North Sea which it has taken from time to time during the war, and met, whether or not by design, with the British fleet.

Skagerak is an arm of the North Sea between Norway and Denmark. The point referred to in the official German statement as Horn Riff probably is the reef off the Horn, on the southwestern extremity of Denmark. From there the distance to the coast of Holland and the main German naval base in the North Sea is about 100 miles.

News of the engagement was held back by the British authorities, possibly pending the return home of the fleet, and the first word received of the battle came by wireless from Berlin.

The loss of life in the engagement must have been extremely heavy. The battle cruiser indefatigable, for instance, from which the German admiralty reports only two men were saved, probably had more than 900 men on board, and others of the vessels sunk carried complements of men equally or nearly as large.

Previous to this battle Great Britain had lost during the war ten battleships, eleven cruisers and various smaller craft. Germany has lost eighteen cruisers, nineteen auxiliary cruisers, chiefly converted passenger liners, and numerous smaller vessels.

Since the beginning of the war British cruisers and destroyers have patrolled during day and night the approaches to the German fleet's base, in the bay formed by the mouths of the Elbe and the Weser, protected by the mighty fortifications of Wilhelmshaven on the south, on the north by the supposedly impregnable defences of the Kiel Canal, and guarded by the outlying island of Heligoland. Until the engagement, however, no German fleet has put forth in force to necessitate the giving of the alarm to the British main fleet that its foe was coming out to give battle. The rendezvous of the British battle fleet has been a secret, but is generally believed to have been in the Orkney Islands, north of Scotland. The long months of watchful waiting by the British, however, were broken into by two naval engagements in which comparatively small squadrons of German warships were involved, and in both of which the British were victorious. On August 28, 1914, Admiral Sir David Beatty, on his flagship, the battle cruiser, Lion, led his squadron in a daring dash into the Bight of Heligoland. In this engagement, under the guns of this great fortress, three German armed cruisers and two destroyers were sunk with a loss of 2,500 men.

On January 24, 1915, a German squadron, attempting a raid on the British coast, encountered Admiral Beatty off the Doggerbanks, and in a running fight the German cruiser Bluecher was sunk and two of her warships set on fire. Several raids have been made by detachments on British coast in which Yarmouth, Scarborough, Whitby, Hartlepool and Lowestoft have been bombarded. The last of these raids was made April 26 last, on which occasion, according to the German claim, a British destroyer and two scout ships were sunk.

The most serious losses to the British fleet hitherto have been through the operations of German submarines and by mines. Such an instance occurred September 22, 1914, when the British cruisers Hogue, Cressy and Aboukir were torpedoed within an

hour by the German submarine U-9. The German navy, however, performed brilliant feats in regions far distant from Europe, its most notable victory being in the battle off Coronel, Chile, early in the war, when the German far Eastern squadron, attempting to reach home waters, encountered a British fleet. In the battle the Germans sent the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth to the bottom with all hands. A month later a powerful British squadron met the victorious Germans off the Falkland Islands and of the five German cruisers in the squadron four, the Scharenhorst, the Gneisenau, the Nuremburg and the Leipzig, were sent to the bottom. The fifth, the Dresden, escaped but was caught later at Juan Fernandez and destroyed.

Great Britain admits the loss of battle cruisers and cruisers with a tonnage of 114,810—represented by the battle cruisers Queen Mary, indefatigable and Invincible and the cruisers Defence, Black Prince and Warrior. Germany's losses according to the Berlin admiralty, in addition to the Pomerne, were the Wiesbaden and Frauenlob, small cruisers, and several torpedo boats.

The Germans claim in addition to the admitted losses of Great Britain that the British battleship Warspite, of the largest type in the British navy, was sunk, that the battleship Marlborough was hit by a torpedo and that two cruisers of the Achilles type (the Warrior is of this class) and one submarine were sent to the bottom.

The British admiralty adds to the conceded losses by Germany two dreadnaughts of the Kaiser class—vessels of 24,700 tons—destroyed, the blowing up of one battle cruiser, the damaging of two other vessels of this class and the ramming and sinking of a German submarine.

The German battle cruisers Derfflinger and Lutzow, one of which the British officially announced tonight was blown up, are vessels of the same class. Each ship displaces 26,600 tons, is 689 feet long, 95 feet beam, with a draught of 27-12 feet. The Derfflinger was completed in July, 1914, and the Lutzow a year later. The ships carried eight 12-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns and twelve 24-pounders. They also were equipped with four torpedo tubes each.

The Derfflinger once before was reported by the British to have been sunk when she participated in an engagement in the North Sea on January 24, 1915. A later report said that she had been badly damaged in the fight and was dry docked at Hamburg for repairs.

The German cruiser Wiesbaden, mentioned in the German official announcement as having been sunk, is not listed in the naval annals.

THE FARMERS OIL MILL

Newberry, S. C., May 27, 1916. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Oil Mill company will be held in the court house at Newberry, S. C., on Wednesday, June 7th, 1916, at 11 o'clock, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business. Please attend in person or by proxy.

J. H. Wicker, Manager.

Children's Day.

We will have our children's day exercises in the Mollohon church on the 2nd Sunday night in June at 7:30 o'clock. We invite everybody to come. We have a very pretty program. Come and help us to get the banner for our school.

Respectfully,
J. M. Swindler, Superintendent.

W. R. Bouknight, Pastor.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

The county treasurer has placed in my hands executions against those persons who failed to pay their taxes for 1915.

Those interested will have an opportunity to pay the same at my office until June 30th. After that date levies will be made according to law.

Cannon G. Blease, Sheriff.

Pomaria Personals.

Mr. Thos. Sahr has returned from Waterboro where he taught school the past session.

Misses Ida Mae Setzler and Elsie Hipp attended commencement at Summerland college.

Mr. Geo. Richardson, Mr. Clarence Wicker, Miss Pearl Ballentine and Miss Olive Richardson motored to Leesville Sunday and attended Summerland commencement.

Rev. S. C. Ballentine went to Leesville, Monday to attend a meeting of the trustees of Summerland college.

Mrs. Robert Shealy is visiting in Columbia.

Mr. W. L. Bedenbaugh spent the week-end in Columbia.

Messrs. T. E. Stone Willie Wicker, Olin Crumpton, Sam Wicker and Belton Kinnard motored to Summerland Sunday and spent the day.

Mr. G. Breaker Setzler, student and assistant professor in the University of Maryland will be home on the 9th of June to spend the summer with his parents.

T. A. Epting and family and Mrs. J. J. Kibler motored to Summerland Sunday in their new Maxwell and spent the day.

Arthur H. Counts, Miss Lucile Counts and Berley Bedenbaugh attended Summerland commencement.

Mrs. Polly Graham is visiting her son, Mr. Felix Graham.

Mrs. Z. T. Pinner is expecting her mother the last of the week to spend a while.

WANTED A TEACHER

For Union Academy for a five months school to begin about the first of November. Salary \$50.00 per month. For further information apply to any one of the undersigned trustees.

Geo. S. Enlow,
W. B. Franklin,
Prosperity, S. C., R. F. D. No. 3.

NOTICE.

All administrators, executors, guardians and other fiduciaries, are required by law to make an annual return, on or before the 1st day of July of each year.

All persons failing to do so, will under the law forfeit their commissions for handling the estates and will moreover be liable to be sued for damages by any person or persons interested in each estate.

C. C. Schumpert,
Judge of Probate.

June 1st, 1916.

Should Have His Choice.

Albion Press and Banner.

The Columbia Record, in its Saturday's issue, states that a farmer from Newberry was in Columbia the day before, and that he informed the representative of the Record of many wonderful things about to take place in Newberry county. He also predicted that Manning would get 75,000 votes in the first primary this summer, Blease 40,000 and Cooper 15,000. It was not stated whether the farmer was sent to the asylum or back to Newberry county.

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Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is well known throughout the country. Many thousand people have taken it for Stomach, Liver and Intestinal Ail-



ments and report marvelous results and are highly praising it to others. Astonishing benefits sufferers have received even from one dose are heard everywhere and explain its tremendous sale to more than a million people. It rarely ever fails and those afflicted with Stomach, Liver and Intestinal Ailments, Indigestion, Gas in the Stomach and Intestines, Dizziness, Fainting Spells, Colic Attacks, Torpid Liver, Constipation, etc., should by all means try this remedy. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives permanent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and whatever you like. No more distress after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned.

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NOTICE IN ELECTION IN TRANWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

Whereas, one-third of the resident electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of twenty-one years, in Tranwood School District No. 17, of the County of Newberry, State of South Carolina, have filed a petition with the County Board of Education for Newberry County, South Carolina, petitioning and requesting that an election be held in said School District on the question of levying a special tax of three (3) mills to be collected on all the taxable property within the said School District.

Now, therefore, we the undersigned, composing the County Board of Education for Newberry County, State of South Carolina, do hereby order the Board of Trustees of the Tranwood School District No. 17, to hold an election on the said question of levying a special tax of three (3) mills to be collected on the property located in the said School District, which said election shall be held at the Tranwood School House in said School District, No. 17, on Friday, the 9th day of June, 1916, at which said election the polls shall be opened at 7 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m.

The members of the Board of Trustees of said School District shall act as managers of said election. Only such electors as reside in said School District and return real or personal property for taxation, and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in general elections, shall be allowed to vote. Electors favoring the levy of such tax shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon, and each elector opposed to such levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon.

Given under our hands and seal this the 20th day of May, 1916.

Chas. P. Barre,
J. S. Wheeler,
O. B. Cannon,

Members of County Board of Education.

NOTICE OF ELECTION IN MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

Whereas, one-third of the resident electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of twenty-one years, in Monticello School District No. 17, of the County of Newberry, State of South Carolina, have filed a petition with the County Board of Education of Newberry County, South Carolina, petitioning and requesting that an election be held in said School District on the question of levying a special tax of two (2) mills to be collected on all the taxable property within the said School District.

Now, therefore, we the undersigned, composing the County Board of Education for Newberry County, State of South Carolina, do hereby order the Board of Trustees of the Monticello School District No. 17, to hold an election on the said question of levying a special tax of two (2) mills to be collected on the property located in the said School District, which said election shall be held at the Monticello School House in said School District No. 17, on Friday, the 9th day of June, 1916, at which said election the polls shall be opened at 7 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m.

The members of the Board of Trustees of said School District shall act as managers of said election. Only such electors as reside in said School District and return real or personal property for taxation, and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in general elections, shall be allowed to vote. Electors favoring the levy of such tax shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon, and each elector opposed to such levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon.

Given under our hands and seal this the 16th day of May, 1916.

Chas. P. Barre,
J. S. Wheeler,
O. B. Cannon,

Members of County Board of Education.

NOTICE OF ELECTION IN ST. PHILLIPS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22

Whereas, one-third of the resident electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of twenty-one years in St. Phillips School District No. 22, of the County of Newberry, State of South Carolina, have filed a petition with the County Board of Education of Newberry County, South Carolina, petitioning and requesting that an election be held in said School District on the question of levying an additional special tax of four (4) mills to be collected on all the taxable property

within the said School District.

Now, therefore, we the undersigned, composing the County Board of Education for Newberry County, State of South Carolina, do hereby order the Board of Trustees of the St. Phillips School District No. 22, to hold an election on the said question of levying an additional special tax of four (4) mills to be collected on the property located in the said School District, which said election shall be held at the St. Phillips School House in said School District No. 22, on Saturday, June 10, 1916, at which said election the polls shall be opened at 7 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m.

The members of the Board of Trustees of said School District shall act as managers of said election. Only such electors as reside in said School District and return real or personal property for taxation, and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in general elections, shall be allowed to vote. Electors favoring the levy of such tax shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon, and each elector opposed to such levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon.

Given under our hands and seal this the 11th day of May, 1916.

Chas. P. Barre,
J. S. Wheeler,
O. B. Cannon,

Members of County Board of Education.

STUCKEY MEELY

TO ENTER THE RACE Reported Bishopville Man Has About Decided to Run for Governor.

News and Courier.

Columbia, June 1.—W. A. Stuckey of Bishopville has about decided to enter the race for governor, according to information obtained from one of his close personal and political friends here today. Mr. Stuckey, Senator J. Arthur Banks, Warehouse Commissioner John L. McLaurin and possibly others, were in a conference here yesterday and last night at the office of the State warehouse system, it became known here today. It is thought that the candidacy of Mr. Stuckey was discussed at this conference, although no one admitted as much today. It is thought definite announcement will be made by Mr. Stuckey in a week or ten days of his intention.

Should Mr. Stuckey run for governor it will be on a platform with the State warehouse system as the main plank, and he will likely appeal to the vote of the farmers and the laboring people without regard to faction. Mr. Stuckey is a successful farmer himself and is a member of the Farmers' Union, the secret Farmers' association and a member of the executive committee of the State Warehousemen's association.

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W. A. McSWAIN, Mgr. Ins. Dept.

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If the owners of rural telephone lines in this section are experiencing trouble with their service, we will appreciate their talking the matter over with our Manager or writing us fully. We will gladly do what we can toward helping you improve the condition of your line.

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Winthrop College.

SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the county court house on Friday, July 7, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than sixteen years of age. When scholarships are vacant after July 7

they will be awarded to those making tion, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 20, 1916. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.